and all its riddles read. The New Year came with swift yet stealthy No footfall reached the anxious, listening ear As through the portals he so swiftly sped; But now his firm, majestic tread we hear.

And so the years go, ever speeding by. And changes come, more strange than lapse of years. The past is gone: Why comes the deep-

drawn sigh? Why is the eye bedimmed with unshed It once was ours; we drank, aye, drained

the cup, Quaffing with eager lips its happiness, Nor even dreamed so soon we must give Those joys that came our daily life to

Shall all the ties be severed that have bound Friend unto friend, and very soul to Shall some Lethean waters there be found That over torn and wounded hearts shall

In deep forgetfulness assuaging pain, Healing all wounds, and leaving not a scar? Or shall the ties, the wounds, the scars re-Shall pain be there our future bliss to

"The Oracles are dumb;" with bated breath We silent stand, awaiting some reply; It comes not, nor can come until kind death Shall touch our hearts and bid the

clouds roll by Enough-for when life's fateful strife is When earthly joys and pains are laid

When we look back from yonder distant And understand, we shall be satisfied. -Charles H. Allen, in Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly.



tious sod house on a western prairie - pre-

tentious because it contained two rooms instead of one, and each room had two windows of glass-and you have the setting of a rather interesting New Year celebration. Nor was the inside view of this sod house at all disappointing to expectations fired by the sight of those real windows of glass, for there was furniture more than the actual needs of the occupant demanded. To be sure, it was nearly all of home manufacture, but it was evidently the work of one who might have earned a living as a cabinet maker, and some of it was upholstered.

The owner of this house, Jack Walworth by name, sat poring over a cook-book. He was a merry-eyed young fellow of 25, tall, athletic, and in every way good to look at. Although many miles from any human being, so far as he knew, his hands were clean and his hair carefully brushed - two characteristics not very pronounced in the make-up of individuals in that part of the world, for they were nearly all men, and they needed the spur of a woman's approval to give them a proper regard for their personal appearance.

"These are mighty good recipes," for bachelors on prairie farms-lone- first time he had broken down. But the whirling snow. ly old bachelors who have a hanker- he had built so many air castles ing for a holiday dinner like mother about this first day of the new year

used to make?" half sadly, for to-morrow a new year | that it was rather difficult to celewas to begin, and Jack was home- brate the day alone, and as cheer- Ben. "We got out to walk, for Nelsick. There had been a time when fully as if nothing had happened to lie feared her feet were freezing, he was quite sure that the opening disturb his plans. day of this new year would see the beginning of a new life for him-a might be different next year," he creased so furiously we couldn't life in which Nellie Rogers would be moaned; but Nellie's answer had see." the central figure. Jack turned to been final. Next year, and all the the fly leaf of his cook-book and re- years to come must be spent with-

proclaimed, in a tone that ought to sell, and even then I must begin at have frightened away the most per- the beginning and make another sistent attack of the blues, "and I'm home. A girl would have to love a bound to live up to it. 'I, Jack Wal- man very dearly to wait so long, and worth, being of sound mind, etc., if she loved him like that she would have resolved that my life shall not go to the home he had provided." be spoiled by'-Pshaw!" He threw The clock on the pretty little manly. There was no fun in acting with- Jack raised his head wearily. out an audience, and he must try in that he was not so very unhappy

"I moped all day on both Thanksgiving and Christmas," he said, resolutely drawing the cook-book toward him again, "and I'm going to begin the New Year in a manly fashion! I'll stick to my resolution."

Early that morning Jack had decided to cook a grand New Year dinner for himself, and the fine wild goose, shot for that purpose, now hung in the outer room all ready for the oven. But roast goose and baked potatoes, while good in their way, did not seem sufficiently festive to the fastidious Jack, whose New England mother had made a reputation for herself on her holiday dinners. His pened to be poring over a cook-book word ended in a quaver that told of at an hour when he was usually helplessness and exhaustion.

"Mince pie is what I want," he a voice that rang like a charles can said, "but my cupboard is against it. Sing out again! I'm coming!" I've got the meat and vinegar and Sing out again! I'm coming!"

had cooked that day, and he was losing his way and perishing of exquite sure that he remembered to pi sure. what degree of minuteness he used to chop such things for his mother. the roof of his porch, then sallied

New Year is such a suitable day form of a girl lying limply against a upon which to begin married life." With this thought, the cheerful tune Jack was whistling came to an

sadness crept into his face; then the chopping bowl was pushed aside, and he buried his face in his hands.

can never get over it; I cannot be brave. Oh, Nellie, Nellie, I cannot you.' live my life without you, and-I won't!'

Jack had decided to be a farmer without consulting the girl he loved, principally because he had never told her he loved her, and so had no claim upon her. He had believed that a man had no right to propose marriage to a girl until he had a home to offer her, and so he had gone alone into the prairie wilderness and taken up his battle against poverty single-handed. He had been unusually successful, and in three years he had secured the little home in which we find him, and he owed no man a penny. Then he had gone back to the old home, to find Nellie Rogers and ask her to be his wife. He had thought of her so long as mistress of that little sod house on the prairie that he could not believe

such a wilderness. I want to live in | eided to come, too!" choice in the matter? If you still conventional!" love me, Jack, why not sell the farm

could not sell it now for what it is sweetheart." is all the home I have to offer you." were throwing herself at you." It seemed to Jack that such an exto live on a farm, he could only con- said you had once thrown yourself clude that she did not love him well at me, and that this was the only enough to be his wife. He bade her way I could get even."

ty of meat and dried apples which he with the country was in danger of

Jack hung a lighted lantern under "If Nellie were here now," he forth on his errand of mercy, calling thought, regretfully, "she would lustily and cheerfully at every step, have had everything ready for our and soon he was standing beside an first holiday dinner together, and old man who was bending over the huge snow drift.

"I don't think she is dead," faltered the man, whose teeth were abrupt close, and an expression of chattering almost too much for speech.

"We'll soon know," replied Jack, lifting the slight form into his arms "It is useless," he greaned, "I and leading the way to the cabin. "Let me know if I walk too fast for

Jack placed his burden on the bed and pulled the frozen veil from her face, and then fell on his knees be-"Nellie!" he exclaimed. "My God,

my God, it is Nellie!" "And are you Jack Walworth?" asked the man; but Jack did not hear. He had recovered his selfpossession and was using all his knowledge to restore Nellie to consciousness, and as he worked he called her all the pretty loverlike names that she had ever heard from his lips-and they were many, for his was an exceedingly affectionate nature. His method of treatment proved most effective, for in a remarkably short period of time Nellie was able to drink the coffee he

presence in his home. "We started out to find you, Jack," her answer would be disappointing, she said, "for I had made up my and when it came it almost crushed mind to spend New Year with you. This is my Uncle Ben, and he is a "I do care for you, Jack, but aot minister, and when he saw I was enough to live on a farm, and in determined to come, of course, he de-

made for her, and to explain her

the city. If you loved me, why did "What else could I do?" murmured you not ask me where I want to the old man, deprecatorily; "Nellie live? Should a woman not have a is so headstrong, and so-so very un-

"And as soon as I can stand, Jack," "It is my home, Nellie. I have to the interruption, "he will marry days. worked three years to get it. I us-that is, if you have no other

worth to me, and I have nothing "I told her," interrupted Uncle else. Do you understand, dear? It Ben, "that it looked exactly as if she "And I told him," answered Nellie, planation ought to satisfy any girl, with a happy little laugh, "that that and when Nellie persistently refused was exactly what I meant to do. I

his farm, angrily telling himself that very silly on paper, but Nellie liked the girl was not worth a second it, and Uncle Ben pretended not to thought, and that any self-respect- hear. The good old man was re-



JACK TURNED THE LEAVES OF HIS COOK-BOOK.

-the first holiday which he and Nel-

"If there were any hope that it read the words he had written there. out her if he remained on the farm. "My first New Year resolution," he "And it may be years before I can

the book on the table almost vicious- tel chimed the midnight hour, and "I won't be a coward," he said. some other way to convince himself don't feel, just now, as if I cared much about a swell dinner, but I may have more courage a few hours

later, and then I can make that pie." Then he fixed the fire, and before preparing for bed went to the door and looked out into the night. It is a habit shared by all who live in lonely places, for there is always the feeling that some one may be

abroad who needs help. The snow had ceased falling, and the stars twinkled overhead, but the wind still blew in gusts that kept blinding eddies in the frosty air.

"It is an ugly night," said Jack, and I pity anyone who is not safely housed. I wonder if-good Lord!" "Helloa, there! Helloa!" came a soul longed for something in the way man's voice through the whirling of "goodies," and that is why he hap- snow. "Help! help! help!" The last

sound asleep in his comfortable bed. "Whoop-e-e-e-e!" returned Jack, in

sugar, but there are no spices, and I'm the snow was drifted into fantas.

The snow was drifted into fantas. made. I wonder if I could use cran- bare and brown, as it usually did in made. I wonder if I could use cranberries and dried blackberries instead of raisins and currants? I bare and brown, as it usually did in
that locality, when the first heavy
a dinner of herbs where love is—
guilty of the murder of Police Cor-have half a mind to try it, anyhow." companied by a strong wind. It was bless my soul, nags! can't you unwas soon at work. There was pien- a stormy night, even one acque nted Sieyes, in Minneapolis Housekeeper,

ing man could make himself happy | lieved, however, when the lovemakmurmured Jack, as he slowly turned without her. That was in November, ing was interrupted by a shout from the leaves of his book, "but they do and Jack had kept himself very busy outside, accompanied by a vigorous require such an ocean of stuff! ever since, in order to forget what demand for assistance, that sent Why don't they write some especially he called his folly, and this was the Jack hurrying out once again into

A neighbor had found a runaway team that he wished to leave in Jack's barn, for it was too much This was said half whimsically and lie would spend in their new home trouble to lead it through the storm. "It is our team," exclaimed Uncle and the team got away from us. We tried to find it, but the storm in-

The neighbor and his companion were easily induced to come in and remain until daylight, which was now close at hand. They were needed as witnesses to the marriage ceremony, and even had the weather made driving a pleasure they could not have resisted so interesting an

experience. Four men and one woman sat which consisted of baked beans, corn bread and coffee, and it is safe to say that never a wedding breakfast was eaten by a jollier company.

"And thus," said Jack, melodramatically, "eth a happy bachel-

or's New Year celebration.' Uncle Ben went back to his work in the city that day, for the hired team must be returned to its owners, and his poor people could not be neglected. But there were tears in his eyes as he thought of the little world of happiness he was leaving world of happiness he was leaving ther, seizing a shotgun, ran into the world of happiness he was leaving as hotgun, ran into the world of happiness he was leaving ther, seizing a shotgun, ran into the world of happiness he was leaving there. for Uncle Ben had never had a home. Jack's account of his search for injuries will result fatally. recipes suited to a bachelor's holiterial in the house for a plum pud-

ding and a mince pie, too. "I am happy enough," Jack had replied, "to dine like a king on corn-"Whoop-e-e-e-el" returned Jack, in a voice that rang like a clarion call this feeble heart of mine and Reade street doing damage to the

bear." "Don't take it to your heart, then," was Nellie's saucy response; "I want

"Verily," said Uncle Ben, as he

SULLIVAN FOUND GUILTY.

A Jury Declared Alex. Sullivan Guilty of Conspiring to Abet a Fugitive From Justice.

Chicago, Dec. 23 .- The jury in the case of Lawyer Alexander Sullivan, on trial before Judge Abner Smith for with a verdict of guilty. As punishment the jury imposed a fine of \$2,000. This carries with it no prison sentence. State's Attorney Barnes demanded that Sullivan be taken to jail, but he court declined to enforce this demand, and Sullican was permitted to leave the court room with his ata motion for a new trial, which Judge Smith will act upon to-day. Should

dals involving the Chicago courts. Former Bailiff James J. Lynch, the dent had been struck in the presence principal prosecuting witness in the of Lord Pauncefote was printed in trial of Sullivan, was indicted for jury | New York. bribing in December, 1898. At this time Alexander Sullivan was general counsel for the West Chicago Railroad Co. Indictments charging bribery at other times were found against Lynch. He fled to Canada, but was induced to return October He declared that Sullivan had induced him to bribe jurors. He told his story to the grand jury and indictments for conspiracy to assist and persuade a fugitive from justice to ing the fugitive to remain without the jurisdiction of the court were voted against Alexander Sullivan, Frederick St. John, Edward Maher and Frank P. Murray. Separate trials were granted on motion of Maher, and Sullivan was the first selected to make answer in court to the allegations in the indictment. He was arraigned before Judge Abner Smith. continued Nellie, paying no attention | The trial lasted four weeks and two

FATAL REAR-END COLLISION.

Two Men Killed and Their Bodies Burned Beyond Recognition in the

Green Bay, Wis., Dec. 23 .- Two men were cremated and another seriously burned in a rear-end collision of two M. HUTIN MADE A MISTAKE. south-bound special freight trains on a formal farewell and went back to What Jack said in reply would look the Northwestern railroad early yes- Might Have Sold the Panama Canal terday at Little Suamico. The killed:

Napoleon, Delaria, baggageman; leaves widow and eight children. Louis Gilmette, aged 19.

man. on a passenger train, were traveling | nal Co. had come too late. on the freight to Green Bay to spend Sunday with their families. They were sleeping in the caboose when the crash came and were instantly shareholders of the Panama Canal Co.

Burney, the rear brakeman, was also in the caboose at the time, but he finally escaped from the burning wreck. Eight cars were telescoped and soon burned. The bodies of Delaria and Gilmette

were burned beyond recognition. An investigation to fix the responsibility for the wreck is now in prog-

ARE GUILTY OF TREASON.

Hillitary Want Martial Law Restored in the Province of Misamis -Fiscal Implicated.

Manila, Dec. 23 .- Gen. George W. Davis, commanding at Zamboang, island of Mindanao, has requested that the province of Misamis, Mindanao, again be placed under military control. Gen. Davis has proof that the recently-elected presidente and vice councillors, and the leading men of Cagayan de Misamis are guilty of treason in furnishing ammunition to the insurgents within the past month. The fiscal of the province of Misamis is also impli-

The evidence shows that all these men were members of the secret Ka-

tipunan society.
Gen. James F. Wade, commanding the American forces on Cebu island, concurs in and indorses the request of Gen. Davis and, reviewing the situation in Mandanao, says he is satisfied that the ends of justice, peace and good government will soonest be obtained by the restoration of military control to the province of Misamis and the overcoming of all redown to the wedding breakfast, sistance to that authority. It is exrequest as they did a similar application made by Gen. Chaffee concerning the province of Tayabas Luzon, where the rebels have recently been particularly active.

A Bloody Family Fracas.

Huntington, W. Va., Dec. 23 .- During a family quarrel in Central City, He smiled, however, when he recalled the shot penetrating his back. His

Rebecca Lafferty, a daughter, inday dinner, and Nellie's reassuring terrupted her father when he rereply that there was sufficient ma- turned and he fired at her, inflicting the earl of Donoughmore at St a serious wound. Lafferty was arrested and is now in jail.

Costly Flames. New York, Dec. 23.-Fire yesterday

Policeman Found Guilty of Murder. Louisville, Ky., Dec. 23.-Policeman

THERE WAS NOTHING IN IT.

Sensational Story About the President Knocking a Man Down Officially Denied.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Both at the White House and at the British embassy an emphatic denial is made of conspiracy to abet a fugitive from the published story of an assault aljustice, came into court yesterday leged to have been made upon the president, Thursday afternoon. The president himself dectares the story is not true, and authorizes the denial of it. Lord Pauncefote, the British ambassador, who is said to have been a witness of the assault, emphatical-

ly denies the statement. The story of the assault grew out the fact that an intoxicated man was torneys. Sullivan's lawyers entered lurching along Massachusetts avenue. Thursday afternoon, as the president was taking his daily walk, and that this motion be overruled, judgment the man brushed against the presiwill be entered against the attorney. dent The secret service officer ar-The charges against Sullivan were rested the man, but it is understood an outgrowth of jury bribing scan- he was soon afterward released.

A sensational story that the presi-

GEN. ALGER RALLIED.

Underwent an Operation for the Removal of Gall Stones-In a Serious Condition.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 23 .- An operation was performed yesterday on Gen. R. A. Alger, former secretary of war for the removal of gall stones from which he had been suffering for get without the jurisdiction of the a long period. Gen. Alger rallied court, and assisting and persuad- well from the operation, and the surgeons reported late vesterday afternoon that he had recovered almost entirely from the shock. His temperature was little above normal and his pulse was strong. The following official statement was issued by the surgeons in regard to the operation:

"A condition of infected gall bladder was presented as the result of gall stones. There were many adhesions about the gall bladder, which was opened and drained. Gen. Alger's condition is serious, but he stood the operation well."

The operation was performed by Doctors C. G. Jennings, H. W. Longyear, H. O. Walker and E. L. Shurley, of this city; Dr. William Osler, of Baltimore, and Dr. J. B. Murphy of Chicago.

Property to the United States for Forty Millions.

London, Dec. 23 .- Senator Chauncy M. Depew, in an interview with? The injured: A. J. Burney, brake- representative of the press, yester-The first train, in charge of Conuctor Green and Henry Oliver, had representative of the Panama Canal for \$40,000. ductor Green and Henry Oliver, had offered to sell the canal for \$40,000,reached Little Suamico, when Oliver | 000, instead of expecting the United stopped his train on the main track States to dicker about the price, the to take water. A moment later the United States would probably have special behind rounded a curve near bought the property. The senator the depot and crashed into the first also said be believed that the decision train. Delaria and Gilmette, who run | reached Saturday by the Panama Ca-

> According to a dispatch from Paris to the press, dated December 21, the that day adopted a report which proposed, among other things, to adopt as a basis of negotiations for the sale of the canal to the United States the figure and declaration contained in the conclusions of the Isthmian commission's report and to give the mandatory of the canal company power to close the discussion by proposing a fixed price.

TO EVADE EXCLUSION LAW.

Chinese Will Organize Stock Companies Whose Members Will Then be Exempt.

Port Townsend, Wash., Dec. 23 .- Information has been received here by members of the local Chinese colony to the effect that a large number of stock companies are being organized in the southern provinces of China with a capital stock of \$1,000,000 and upwards, and stock to the amount of \$500,000 will be issued to Chinese coming to America so that they show upon being examined by the customs officials at port of entry that they belong to the exempt class of merchants. This action is said to be the result of the agitation for a more stringent exclusion law at the expiration of the present law next May.

RELEASE OF MISS STONE.

An Agreement Reached as to Amount of Ransom and Place of Delivery.

London, Dec. 23 .- According to a Sofia dispatch to the Daily Telegraph, an agreement has been reached beween the brigands holding Miss Stone captive and the American lepected that the United States Phil- gation at Constantinople, under the ippine commission will refuse this terms of which the brigands are to accept £14,000 for the release of Miss Stone. It is said the ransom is PORK-Mess New ........ 16 25 to be paid on Bulgarian soil, and that Miss Stone is to be liberated in Turkish territory.

> Fine Racing Horses Imported. New York, Dec. 23 .- The steamer linnehaha, which arrived yesterday morning from London, brought 24 Married an Irish Earl.

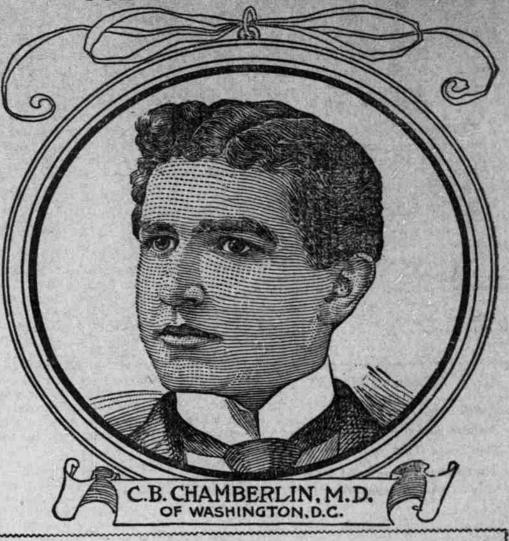
London, Dec. 22 .- Miss Elena Grace, daughter of Michael P. Grace, for-

A Bad Freight Wreck. Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 23.-A bad heart of mine could Reade street, doing damage to the west of here, early yesterday, delayed extent of \$75,000. The building was | traffic ten hours. Three engines were |

service was choral.

Fatal Train Wreck in Italy. Rome, Dec. 22.-Two trains were wrecked in a collision near Melegnano, ten miles southeast of Milan

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C. B. Chamberlin, M. D., writes from 14th and P. Sts., Washington, D. C. "Many cases have come under my observation, where Peruna has benefited and cured. Therefore, I cheerfully recommend it for catarrh and a general tonic." --- C. B. CHAMBERLIN, M. D.

Medical Examiner U. S. Treasury. Dr. Llewellyn Jordan, Medical Examiner of U. S.

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wonderful ferers, Peruna will cure you."

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D. C., writes: The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, O .: physician did I not advise its use. its use beneficial, especially in cases of

GEORGE C. HAVENER, M. D. Dr. L. S. Smith, of Williston, Fla., will be pleased to give you his valuable "I have found Peruna a most valuable

remedy for chronic catarrh of the head, The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, O.

His First Trip. Urlan Upstaat-How much is a ticket to Chicago? Ticket Agent-First-class, \$3,20; sec

and-class, \$2.60. Uriah Upstaat-Gimme one uv each, so's I kin travel over the hull darn cars. When I start out to spend money you bet I don't do things by halves .-Up-to-Date.

The Telephone in Switzerland. In Switzerland from the smallest village it is now possible to telephone to cried: any place in the country at a fee from two cents to three cents for the most distant points on instruments on which one can hear with perfect distinctness and which are kept in thorough repair.

-Chicago Chronicle. A Matter of Life and Death. Asbury Park Drug Clerk-We'll let you have this whisky, as you say it's a matter of life and death, but mum's the word. By the way, what's the

Departing Messenger - There's a wake at Alderman Flyn's.-N. Y. Times. Society Notes.

"Nellie, is young Dudely, who ha been paying you so much attention of late, a young man of brains?" asked Mr. Chaffie, sternly.

"I have no idea; I have only met him in society."-Tammany Times. Mayflower Societies.

at Plymouth, Mass., into a general society, of which they became the state towering stem and bring down a cocossocieties.—Chicago Chronicle.

Ah Sin's "How Do You Do?" Among the Chinese "How old are you?" is neither more nor less than a formula of etiquette, like "how do you do?" in English.-Chicago Chronicle.

THE MARKETS.

CATTLE—Native Steers...\$ 4 50 to COTTON—Middling ..... 8 20 The FLOUR—Winter Wheat ... 3 45 to WHEAT—No. 2 Red ..... 84% 6 COTTON-Middling
BEEVES-Steers
Cows and Heifers.
CALVES-(per 100 lbs.)...
HOGS-Fair to Choice HEEP-Fair to Choice .... WHEAT-No. 2 Red...... CHICAGO. daughter of Michael P. Grace, formerly of New York, was married to the earl of Donoughmore at St Michael's church, Chester square. The Spring Patents. 3 59 WHEAT—No. 3 Spring.... No. 2 Red..... CORN—No. 2 Yellow ..... OATS—No. 2 White...... PORK-Mess KANSAS CITY. owned by the estate of Thomas Vernon.

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BACON-Short Rib Sides..
COTTON-Middling ...
LOUISVILLE. WHEAT-No. 2 Red..... CORN-No. 2 OATS-No. 2 BACON-Short Ribs

| throat, lungs and bronchial tubes, in fact, no matter where located. "Few people realize that most sicknesses start from colds which develop Treasury Department, graduate of come chronic, settling often on the Columbia College, lungs and frequently causing serious and who served trouble in the pelvic organs, while in three years at women it develops into diseases pecul-

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> "I would not be doing my duty as a factory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case, and he

advice gratis. Address Dr. Hartman, President of

He Was Surprised. The Primleys entertained their pedro club a few evenings ago, and after tea Mr. Plimley put on his dress suit.

Little Percey eyed him suspiciously while he was dressing, and finally said: "Papa, you thaid you wath going to thtay home thith evening." "So I am, my dear little boy," Per-

cey's papa replied. Little Percey clapped his hands, jumped up and down, and in great glee

"Oh! And with that thuit on?"-

Cleveland Leader. A Monto Carlo Tragedy. Mr. Poppe, of Germany, with his wife and a friend, went to Monte Carlo recently to win a fortune on a sure system of betting devised by the friend. They lost \$2,000, and determined to commit suicide. The three sat down on the bench at Antibes, then walked into the water up to their necks; each held a revolver, and at a word from Poppe put it to the head and fired. The Poppes were killed instantly, but the friend

survived long enough to tell the story. -Chicago Inter Ocean. In Porto Rico. Porto Rico seems to be an interesting place, with great variety in its peculiar scenery. One of the most curious things on the island is the spectacle of a native climbing a palm tree. You All the existing Mayflower societies can sit in the shade and for a few cents in the country were organized recently get a native to do the curious act. He will contort himself upward along the

> pleasant drink .- N. Y. World. Carried Too Far. "Timmins, you don't seem to be making as much love to the landlady as you

> "Had to ease up a little. She thought she had me so sure that she could put off the scraps and meat ends on me, as if I were already married to her."-Indianapolis Journal. Palpably False.

> "Your mother-in-law accuses you of stealing her trunk. What have you to "Your honor, I simply hid her trunk -I was so afraid she'd leave us."

He was given 18 months-six for stealing and 12 for lying .- N. Y. Jour-One of the First. "She belongs to one of the first fami-

lies here, I believe?" "Yes; her grandfather moved his family here in a covered wagon drawn by an ox team, when there were only

three houses in the town."-Chicago Evening News. The Worm Turns. Mrs. Peck-I wouldn't act like an idiot if I were you, Henry. Mr. Peck-No, of course you wouldn't, dear, but as you are not me, you might at least try to act a little less idiotic.

-Chicago Evening News. Biblical Discussion. Wallace-Say. Who was it said all men are liars? Ferry-Lemme see. H'm. I can't re-

moment.-Boston Herald. Opening Negotiations. She-There are microbes in kisses. He-Aren't your microbes lonesome? -N. Y. Journal.

A Definition of Courtship. Courtship—A beau knot that mar-riage pulls into a hard knot.—Chicago